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TAEHAN REPUBLIC WELCOMES RED ARMY DESERTERS -- Kyong Hyang Sinmun, 28 Feb 50

A welcome meeting was held at the Seoul City Hall on 26 February for Chang In-chol, Commander of the 51st Division under the Political Security Office of the North Korean puppet gang, and 26 other soldiers who came to the South on 16 February. The meeting was sponsored jointly by the Ministry of National Defense and the Army of the Taehan Republic.

Welcome speeches were delivered by the high officials of the Taehan Republic; then, in turn the deserters emphatically denounced the corrupt regime of North Korea. The meeting ended with the three shouts of "Manse" Banzai led by Chang To-yong, Director of the Information Office of the Taehan Republic Army. After the meeting the deserters marched through the streets surrounded by the welcoming people.

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